

Denver, the Burlington, said, well, we will have to run some trains, Senator, with cabooses on. That will be our discretion. That, in itself, tells me they still realize that those cabooses must be there for a safety issue. If, on that two-mile train, a car of anhydrous or something, you need a man back there, as they themselves admitted. They wanted it their discretion and whether they needed a caboose for safety. Now, Texas demands a car over 75 trains with hazardous material on to carry a caboose. We are not the only spot in the nation that does require cabooses and I just wanted to bring that out. I studied the economics of this the best that I could and I certainly would not be standing here today or I would not have taken the position I did. It took me a long time to arrive at the stand I took on this because economically I felt that if it would help our state or if it would cut the price of grain or the price of coal, I certainly would favor it. But the way I look at it is one accident that is a million...could I have the hammer, please, (gavel) is a million or \$8 million or \$10 million, that one accident that avoided is economically a lot more dollars, costs a lot more dollars than this one that we are saving or by cutting these. And, as I pointed out the other day, there is so much difference in the value used for that caboose, whether it is 20 cents or whether it is 68 cents or a dollar sixty. I am not here to dispute it. But I tried to weigh it on all sides of the issue. I tried to be very careful. I certainly have no axe to grind with the railroad, through my husband's, my years and my husband's there could not have been a finer employer and I am not here in any way and I am here to...(gavel). I will make this very short.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Excuse me. Excuse me, Senator Nelson. The Chair would respectfully remind you that the call has not been raised and the Chair has not been very strict up to this point of asking you to remain in your chairs, but the call is still on and you have not been excused. So please stay in your seat. We are probably going to need you pretty quick anyhow. Thank you. And, Senator Nelson...

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: ...excuse me, but you may close.

SENATOR NELSON: I will cut this very short. Where are these trains with this hazardous material and through the cities, I still look at it as a safety aid. I have studied the economics of it and I, too, am not to cause any industry any untold amount